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THE REVEREND FREDRIK AXEL SCHIOTZ, D.D.
Elected to the Presidency of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, June 9, 1954. Will take office September 1

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church Elects a President

At the evening session of the first day of the Twenty-first General Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, Doctor Fredrik Axel Schiotz was elected to the office of President for a term of six years. The first ballot revealed that Doctor Schiotz was leading, with 229 more votes than the next candidate. He was, however, 146 short of having the majority needed for election. On the second ballot he received 968 votes, 549 votes more than the total cast for all the other candidates combined. Doctor Schiotz will take office September 1, 1954, succeeding Doctor J. A. Aasgaard, who stated that he was not a candidate for re-election.

Fredrik A. Schiotz was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 15, 1901. His home during his youth, however, was Ladysmith, Wisconsin. He received his college training at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, receiving the B.A. degree in 1924. He entered Luther Theological Seminary the fall of 1926 after two years of teaching. His period of theological study was interrupted by a year of service as a field secretary of the Student Volunteer movement, a non-denominational foreign mission organization. Returning to Luther Seminary, he was graduated with the degree B.Th. in 1930. In 1932 he received the Master of Theology degree at Luther Theological Seminary, as a result of graduate study taken *in absentia.*

Fredrik Schiotz was ordained to the ministry of the Church in 1930 upon a call to Zion Congregation, Duluth, Minnesota, where he served from 1930 to 1932. That year he was called to Trinity Church, Moorhead, Minnesota. There he served from 1932 to 1938, interrupting his parish ministry for an extended trip around the world.

In the fall of 1938, Doctor Schiotz was elected executive secretary of the Student Service Commission of the American Lutheran Conference. This conference, made up of the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Free Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, entered upon extensive work among students on non-Lutheran campuses. By arrangement with The United Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Conference was given the responsibility for such work chiefly west of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Doctor Schiotz continued in this ministry until 1945, at which time the work which had headed and the similar work which had been c ried on by The United Lutheran Church in America v amalgamated under the National Lutheran Coun where it functions as the Division of Student Serv It was a pioneering effort Doctor Schiotz was asked undertake—pioneering both in the area of inter-synoc cal Lutheran relationships and also in developing te niques of Lutheran student work. At the conclusion his period of service, he was granted the honorary D tor of Divinity degree in 1945 by both Concordia C lege, Moorhead, Minnesota, and Augustana Theologi Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois.

Then followed another period in the parish minist The sainted Doctor S. O. Sigmond, who had been p tor of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, New York, for a ge eration, died in 1944. The congregation extended a c to Doctor Schiotz, which he accepted. In this lar metropolitan congregation, he served with distincti and outstanding success until 1948, at which time was chosen to be the executive secretary of the Co mission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missio of the National Lutheran Council, a position which still occupies.

Thus began a period of effort which has resulted in t recognition of Doctor Schiotz as one of the great foreig mission executives of world Protestantism. The Nation Lutheran Council found itself responsible for foreig mission effort in all parts of the world, as a result World War II. These missions had been largely staff

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STATEMENT OF DR. FREDRIK A. SCHIOTZ, PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

It was in fear and trembling that I listened to a voice ove the telephone this morning, breaking the news of the electio to the presidency of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. I a astounded that after so many years of inter-synodical wor living on the periphery of ELC territory, that the Churc should show me this confidence. I am humbled by it.

In the strength of God's grace—freely available to all— and fortified by the confidence the Church has shown me I take courage to say yes to this responsible call.

This election may very well be what the vernacular desig nates a "lame duck" term. If the Church approves the mer ger plan—which I personally hope it does—I shall very glad follow the course staked out by the illustrious leadershi which Dr. Aasgaard has shown during the merger nego tiations.

The call to the ELC presidency has come in a day when a American Churches are enjoying what may be called a period of prosperity. American people are eagerly seekin God's house in worship, and church membership is at a all-time high. This may also be our danger. Christians behin the iron curtain have to contend with daily difficulties. Bu this imposed necessity for alertness confers a state of spiritua health and strength that releases the salt quality which Jesu called for. In this day of church prosperity, we and al Churches of the Triune God are called to alertness, that ou quality as a salt in the world may remain and God's will ma be done.

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The Troubles I've Seen"

Henriette Lund

rum wuenschen Sie nach Amerika auszuwandern?" was in the Hilfswerk office in Speyer, Germany. ad been sent there by Lutheran World Federation ounsel with uprooted people who were looking once re toward our country for a haven of peace and ty.

ach family that came looked be- dered; some were clearly fright- d; others trembled in excitement. e news of the Refugee Relief Act 1953 had spread to camp and city l village barracks, but there was the knowledge of the many dis- ced persons whose hopes were troyed when they were left "in pipeline" on the closing of the Act. Now there was word of v immigration plans.

Why do you want to immigrate America?" I repeated the ques- n in English. (My chief, Dr. Em- , pays me the compliment of say- that my heart is as expansive as German is limited!)

Why? Why?" Sometimes the sband waited for his wife to speak. Sometimes her ce was choked too. Always the answer was the same, ugh the words in which it was framed were differ- . "Because we seek freedom and security." "We d the chance for our children to develop normally." Ve want to be wanted." "We seek the end of our ht."

NLC News Photo

There were upwards of eight hundred refugees with om I counselled in Northern Germany. They were lts, Yugoslavs, Czechs, and others from behind the n Curtain. They were new refugees also, who had d from Eastern Germany into the West.

They were lone persons—a man or woman or youth o had become separated from the t of the family in the escape. They re parents with two, three, and e or six children and an aged ndmother and an extra aunt or o. Primarily they were people—like you and me: persons with hopes and fears and joys and disappointments; persons with professional and artistic skills and persons whose cracked, swollen hands spoke of hard labor.

There was the lone Roumanian man who put a worn snapshot on the desk and stared at it for a few moments before he spoke. "This is my son," he said slowly. "He was 14 then, when last I saw him. He is 24 years old now. He and his mother and I had just crossed the border into Austria when they were repatriated. I do not know if they are still alive. Perhaps I can establish a home in the USA, and then some day they may join me." He was the man who kept standing outside the office building all day in the drizzling rain, just to say one more word: "Please!" I didn't have to ask him what he meant. He was pleading for someone in the USA to accept him.

It was the little children who tugged at my heart-strings till it hurt. They sat so submissively and expressionless through the long interviews—and looked lost in a world that has not been kind to them. They have known only makeshift homes. They have slept in the upper bunks in crowded rooms and overheard the fears and anxieties of their parents. They have not had enough of fresh milk and sunny playgrounds. They are called the outsiders—sometimes the outcasts—in school and community.

I tried to talk to them and to coax forth a smile or two. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I asked one lad. The answer came quickly: "A butcher! Then there will be enough to eat if war comes."

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If war comes! Even the children are afraid and uncertain.

It is not easy to see trouble first hand, but it is inspiring to feel the faith of men, women, and young people as they bare their souls. They ask simply for the chance to be useful and safe. They believe in the kindness of people.

"Will you come to our home for a cup of tea?" asked various refugee families. It is good to share, I thought, for the gift without the giver is bare. And so I used Sundays and evenings in visiting. In one home, which boasted two rooms instead of the usual one-room-with-kitchen-facilities unit, the parents and three children were housed in the one room, and the grandparents and a sister and brother-in-law in the other. The beds stood so close together that there was place for only a chair, and this the grandparents took turns in using through the long day of inactivity. In a corner was a gas burner and plate. Here were people of many interests who had known a comfortable life in Estonia before the invasion. The grandfather had once visited the U.S.A. and still lived in the memory of it. "Now I withdraw and ask only that the younger folks may have a better life over there," he said simply. He did not even want to be included in the application.

In the town of Kassel, where several hundred persons came to the Hilfswerk office to plead for American sponsors, the local worker told me about the day in 1943 when 35,000 persons were killed in twenty minutes of bombing. The recoverable bodies were stacked high in the Kassel town square, chemical poured over them, and then they were burned in the presence of the relatives. . . .

Kassel is still in ruins, and many of the dead lie under the debris. The driver spoke of his wife who has had excruciating headaches without relief since the bombing. There are many others who still suffer like her, he said. He had lost one child and his business and house were destroyed. Little wonder, I thought, that the local people cannot provide adequately for the incoming "escapees and expellees" (as the refugees are now called).

The Hilfswerk workers, by the way, are the refugees' guardian angels. Their dedicated devotion, kindness, and patience and their untiring energy were truly remarkable. Great tribute is due them for their service to the homeless people with whom they deal in large numbers every day.

"If we get discouraged," said Frau Moeser at the Frankfurt office, "then we think about the cross on our lovely Lutheran church. When the church was bombed and burning, the cross stayed upright and bright after the walls of the building began to crumble symbolizes our faith, which must be a light to oth

I have come away from this adventure in the pra of our Lord's compassion with the conviction that human being has a part to play in bringing peace good will on earth. Each of us can do it if we will m an honest effort to help some other human being. as simple as that.

I have learned, too, in this contact with suffe people that, when we are obedient, God releases inner resources in man that help him to triumph disaster. If this were not possible, then millions of fellowmen in Europe would have gone down to des —and the whole world with them.

All men must be, can be brothers.

The group of eight American pastors and laymen have just come back from Europe counselled with ne 2,000 families. They prepared dossiers for each fam for use in finding work, housing, and sponsors, so t as many persons as humanly possible may be helped immigrate while this new Refugee Relief Act is op

Now we turn to you for help in answering the pray of the homeless people. You can do this by giving w and house and sponsorship to a family or individu You can do this by giving money through Luther World Action. Your local pastor, with whom the L theran Service to Immigrants is in touch, will prov specific information about the people. Do not del Human lives are involved. The time for Christian acti is now.

If each one of us will sponsor one family, either rectly or by finding someone else who will do so, th we are living our faith and we are building the broth hood of man. This means a better life for us, too.

"...Into his fateful heap of days and deeds the soul man is cast.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."

The soul of man—that is our concern.

Miss Lund, a consultant in the Division of Welfare of t National Lutheran Council, spent two months abroad ea in 1954 interviewing refugees for resettlement in the U She spent two years in Europe, 1948-50, as director for t Lutheran World Federation's Service to Refugees in Austri

Ewing Galloway

wo Poems for Today

Gertrude Hanson

A Veil of Deep Frustration

veil of deep frustration covers the land
nd hearts are bitter, gripped by self-spawned
pain;
ne proof of man's own error like a hand
id over tight-drawn mouths. Again—again
lan's worries find no rest. Now, looking back,
e sees the vanity of squandered years;
he genius spent on trivial things; the lack
f service to God-patterned plans. His fears,
is unsolved problems, rob him of his peace
nd leave him floundering, libellant, and grim.
lan still neglects the Way to full release
rom all confusion now engulfing him.

arth will be drowned in darkness if souls fail
o seek the One who can remove the veil.

"I Will Heal Their Land"

"If my people turn," God said, "I will hear
And heal their land. . . ."
But man still reaps deep chaos—prayerless,
proud.
O understand
The all-wise Father will not change His law
Nor countermand.

We must turn from our selfish, self-blind ways
To God-laid goals
(Always, forever, our waywardness exacts
Such heavy tolls);
There is a fountain for the removal of stains
From sin-bound souls.

Our trespasses, inbred from lack of love,
Lead to decease,
To moral cancers. We must turn—must turn—
To find release.
The road of love is plainly marked for us:
Prelude to peace.

A Family That Overflowed the Pew

H. H. Sn

A recent crusade for church attendance wisely placed emphasis upon church attendance by family groups. Some churches reported a gratifying response to this suggestion, and there were some notable instances of large families attending the services and sitting together as a group. This brings to mind the Brooks family of Boston, from which came the famous Phillips Brooks. Every Sunday the Brooks family could be seen worshipping together, and members of the congregation would remark on the way the Brooks family "overflowed the pew." There were six boys in the family, and of course it required more than one pew for parents and children.

The Brooks home has often been referred to as an ideal Christian home. "Gifted with genius for religion," was said of the mother of this family. The atmosphere of the home was decidedly religious, but it was joyous and free. Everything possible was done to make the home life attractive to the growing boys. A library of good books, suitable games, and pleasant family fellowship induced the boys to spend most of their evenings at home, when many other boys were roaming the streets. Family worship was held twice a day, and every Sunday morning the children repeated from memory a hymn they had memorized during the week. Phillips Brooks said that when he entered the seminary he could repeat from memory 200 hymns—the fruit of his early training. No wonder he said of his devout mother: "She concentrated her energies on one single purpose—the care of her family, first its religious and then its secular welfare."

That overflowing pew of the Brooks family might be regarded as prophetic: prophetic of the overflowing spirituality of the family as a whole; prophetic of the overflowing joy the parents experienced in seeing their children grow up in the service of the Lord and four of them become ministers of the Gospel; prophetic of the overflowing blessings to the world emanating from this family.

A Happy Home

One of the sons, George Brooks, died of fever while a soldier in the Union Army. A letter from Phillips Brooks to his mother, at the time of their bereavement, gives us a glimpse of the fine spirit that pervaded this Christian home: "I cannot think that George himself, as he looks at us, wishes us to be sad or mournful. I have been looking over and over again, all last night and this morning, the whole life that we lived with h I cannot remember one moment whose memory painful to me. I cannot recall a single quarrel tha ever had with him, and I suppose the other boys wo say the same. I cannot bring back one look that not all kindness, or one act that was not pure and go or one word that was not bright and truthful. I ea him his life and death. I would gladly lie down and tonight if I could look back upon such a spotless as his, and find my faith as simple and secure for future as was his. How beautiful his religion wa (Phillips Brooks was 28 years of age at that time.)

No greater joy can come to parents than that seeing their children living consistent Christian liv active in the service of their Lord. The parents in Brooks home experienced this joy to the fullest exte In a letter to Phillips Brooks, during his early minist his mother wrote: "Thank you, my dear child, the joy you have given me in devoting your life to service of Christ. It was the desire of my heart fro your birth, and I gave you up to Him, and I thank Hi for accepting my offering. My dear Philly, when I he of your faithful ministry, I thank God, and feel th I have not wholly lived in vain. . . . Father is ve happy in your success, and I wish you could know ho glad it makes your mother's heart."

Phillips Brooks was 44 years of age when his fath died (1879). Speaking of his father, he says: "His ligion was as simple as all the rest of his life, alwa flowing on serenely, as if to be a religious man and love God and trust Him were not an exceptional an hard thing, but as true a part of human life as breat ing." He thought of his father "with the strong beli that no father ever was to his boys just what ours ha been to us." Later he said: "The grown-up man fee his father's life beating from beyond the grave, and sure that in his eternity the child relation to that li will be in some mysterious and perfect way resumed an glorified, that he will be something to that dear li and it to him forever."

The mother of the Brooks family passed on the ye following the death of the father. At that time Phillip Brooks was nearing middle-age. Writing to a friend, h said: "I did not know I could be so much like a chil again, but tonight the world seems very desolate an lonely. . . . The happiest part of my life has been m mother, and with God's help she will be more to m

ı ever. The sense of God and His love has grown clearer in the midst of all this sadness and bereave-ıt."

›m the Home—Four Pastors

m that overflowing pew in Trinity Church, Boston, n that Christian home where Christ was the center ife and the inspirer of everything good, there went h manifold blessings to the world. Four ministers ıt out from that home—although the distinguished istry of one of them has overshadowed that of his hers. Few ministers have ever made such a deep ression upon a city as Phillips Brooks made upon ton by his 22-year pastorate there. All denominations e attracted by his spiritual presentation of the Gos- At that time Boston was a stronghold of Unitarian-; but Phillips Brooks preached Christ "without con-ersy," and so many Unitarians were drawn to his rch that an editor of their church paper criticized m for being disloyal and forsaking their own services hear Brooks. But the fact was that Brooks was ing them food for their souls.

ike the great apostle, he testified to the presence of indwelling Christ, and spoke from a heart filled h the love of God. Like his Master, he went about doing good, and won all hearts by his humanitarian spirit and faithful ministry. This is the spirit in which he did his work: One day when he met a Negro on his way to the hospital, he went with him and held his hand while the operation was being performed.

Even death failed to put a stop to the useful ministry of this servant of God. Several volumes of his sermons and other books have been extensively circulated. All Christendom has been moved by that fine Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," which he wrote during a visit to Palestine. It has been translated into many languages. But the most important of all his publications, perhaps, is his "Lectures on Preaching," delivered at Yale University, in 1877. They have been called classic, and continue in high favor as evidenced by this: In a recent volume, titled, *The Heart of the Yale Lectures,* there are not less than 34 quotations from the lectures by Brooks. Thousands of ministers of every denomination have derived inspiration from these lectures, which means that thousands of congregations have heard the Gospel preached with greater clearness and force because of Phillips Brooks.

How the world has been blessed by the family that "overflowed the church pew!"

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Brotherhood Men View TV Film

tured above are over 180 men who were present at the Green y Circuit Brotherhood rally held at Trinity Lutheran Church in een Bay, Wis. Following the evening address, the new film, Happened to Me," was presented as a first step in the TV ›gram of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. During the rally men also voted to give $100 toward the finishing up of the ısion Appeal.

Here Art Christenson, director of the Placement Service, presents the film, "It Happened to Me," to the Rev. Cecil Tellekson of Green Bay. Others on the photo, left to right, are: Clayton Nelson, Valders, sec., Green Bay Ct. Brotherhood; Vernon Aleckson, Manitowoc, pres., Ct. Brotherhood; Walter Severson, Ellison Bay, vice president, Ct. Brotherhood; the Rev. Orion Anderson, Pulaski, pres., Green Bay Ct.; and Harvey Schroeder, pres., Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood.

Our First Student "Shuyokai"

Kenneth Stenberg

I cannot be a Christian because in Japan it is impossible to run a business honestly. Maybe it is possible in America, but in Japan if we should try to be honest our business would fail, and we would have no way to live. Do you think it is possible to be in business and be a Christian?"

"In our text books we have learned that our existence is the result of a process called evolution. But in your Bible you have a different explanation. Do we have to believe the Bible in order to be a Christian? And what about the miracles, do we have to believe them?"

"You say that there is only one true God. Then why are there so many different churches? Why do they not agree? If I should become a Christian, would I have to join a church? How would I know which one to join?"

Facing Questions

Mareo Yoshida stood facing the circle of students seated on the grass in front of the lodge. It was a sunny March morning in a quiet wooded place in the midst of the rice fields west of Tokyo. Mareo was leading a discussion on the question: "What is a Christian?" Questions and problems, some superficial, some deeply felt, came tumbling in to challenge his training and Christian experience.

Mareo Yoshida leading a discussion.

The camp staff (l. to r.): Pastor Morris Sorenson, Mareo Yos Pastor Ken Stenberg, Ruth Herbst, and Pastor Luke.

The clanging of the dinner bell ended the sess but the discussions went on throughout the day in l groups under the trees, and far into the night in cir of serious students seated on their "futon" pallets (l ding rolls) in their tatami (grass-matted) rooms. all but two or three of them the Christian Shuyo was an utterly new experience. ("Shuyokai" mean meeting for meditation, the nearest parallel to the treat or ashram we know in the U.S.A.) Some of th had never attended a church service. The only con most of these young men and women have had w Christianity has been an English Bible class taught one of our missionaries.

Housing and Rice

For some time we have been pondering on how confront the students in these Bible classes with claims of Christ in a vital way. We learned that could rent a YWCA lodge west of Tokyo, less th an hour by electric train from the Shinjuku loop l in the center of the city. Facilities at the lodge regula accommodate groups of thirty to forty including spec rooms for the staff, and the indispensable Japan "ofuro" (the steaming-hot bath).

One hurdle we encountered in our planning was h to provide, in rice-poor Japan, the necessary rations rice for a weekend camp. The students find it diffic to supply anything beyond their normal daily needs the boarding houses where they live. The YWCA st offered to procure the rice in the only way open them, the Black Market. But even apart from the eth involved, this would price the weekend camp rig out of our operating budget. An offer of an accumulat rice ration by one of our missionaries prompted us send out an appeal to our mission districts asking o missionaries to buy up their allotted rations and se them to us. The response more than supplied our nee for the entire retreat.

e Love of God

: met the students at Shinjuku station and took the
n to Kokuryo. A few minutes' walk through the
e town and across the rice fields, and we were
he lodge. Going through the routine of registration
l payment of expenses, the group seemed unusually
et. They evidently wondered what this Christian
ıp would be all about. A good supper relaxed every-
somewhat, and when we moved into a get-ac-
ıinted mixer featuring "Jikko Shokai," an introduc-
ı game, and "Objisan-Obasan" (literally, "grandpa
l grandma," the Japanese version of "Ruth and Ja-
"), the reserve began to melt away. The students
ered into the games as the Japanese always do, with
ited shrieks from the women and general shouting
l clapping. An interlude of singing from the Sam-
a, a fine old hymnal familiar even to many non-
ristians, led the way to the main feature of the
ning and the theme of our retreat: THE LOVE OF
)D. Pastor Luke brought an impressive message on
ıe Love of God—Seen in the Incarnate Christ." His
dom in the Japanese language amazed everyone.
e of the students jokingly said: "Why, he's more
nt than I am!"

'astor Luke's background has fitted him well for
ministry. A British South African by birth, he
ıe to Japan twenty years ago under the auspices of
Japan Evangelistic Band. The J.E.B. is the well-
)wn interdenominational mission founded by Paget
lkes. Luke's wife, the daughter of a British consular
cial, had a Japanese mother. Suffering through the
raids of Tokyo in World War II, he learned to know
mately and to love and admire the people of Japan.

·atifying Response

e days of the retreat passed quickly in a succession
stimulating Bible presentations by Yoshida, intervals
lively recreation, and Luke's fireside messages each
ning. It was not all smooth and easy, of course.

Informal student discussion.

We became aware as never before how vital it is to have a nucleus of staunch Christians to set the tone and hold the initiative. In a gathering with a makeup of more than ninety per cent non-Christians there were tense moments, especially during discussions, when concerted pagan thinking threatened to dominate. We realized it would take uncommon courage to step out of this element and openly confess faith in Christ. But on the closing night the God of all grace once again showed Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts inclined toward Him.

We felt it had been worthwhile. The response was not as large as we had hoped, but we sensed that the Gospel had made a strong impact on everyone there. And it was gratifying to find that those who did respond and profit were in every case those to whom our various missionaries had witnessed in a personal way. We were thankful for our little circle of Christians. And we saw the need of fortifying these few so that they will stand secure against almost overwhelming odds in sometimes hostile homes, and utterly pagan school environment.

ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA MISSION WORK

From NLC News Bureau

Arrangements for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Lutheran mission work in South India have been started by the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, it was announced by the Rev. Fridtjov Birkeli, new director of the Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Missions.

He said that the veteran Swedish mission bishop, Dr. Johannes Sandegren, head of the Tamil Church, has arrived in Europe to present formal invitation from the Lutheran churches in India for the January, 1956, celebration.

Among those invited are members of the Danish royal family as well as Lutheran church leaders from all over the world, Mr. Birkeli said.

The invitation to the Danish King and his family has been extended because it was under the sponsorship of the then Danish-Norwegian king that the first Lutheran mission to South India was started in 1706, Mr. Birkeli explained. Tranquebar was at that time under the rule of the king.

The mission, started in 1706 by two German missionaries, Ziegenbalg and Plutschau, was the first Protestant mission outside the western world and laid the ground for what later became known as the modern missionary movement. Faithful work through 250 years has resulted in an autonomous Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, now joining with Scandinavian and German missionaries in extending invitations to the 250th anniversary.

An Early Climax

This is a peculiar convention. When the first day of a week-long meeting brings the climax of the entire meeting, that means that about the only word one can use to describe it is the adjective "peculiar." As a general rule, things start out rather slowly and work up to a climax toward the end of the second or the beginning of the third day, when the matters of greatest importance and significance and interest are usually scheduled for consideration and action.

It was, of course, the fact that the evening of the first day brought the election of a new President of the Church which brought on this early climax. According to the "Rules of Procedure" which were adopted by the Church at its inception in 1917, general officers are to be elected as soon as the President's Message has been read. As things turned out, no attempt was made to bring about the election during the afternoon session of Wednesday. However, it was the order of the day for the evening.

I do not believe, however, that the fact that the climax came so early will mean that the rest of the week will be anti-climactic. Rather, this will probably be a convention which has a series of climaxes, and I personally doubt whether there will be any anti-climaxes. The entire convention is too important for that.

These lines are being dictated early Thursday morning. Before this day is done, The Evangelical Lutheran Church will have taken the next step in the matter of merger. That will certainly provide a second climax, one that will fill large Central Lutheran Church to the point of suffocation. On Friday the convention will proceed to the election of a new president of Luther Theological Seminary. That will provide the third climax.

Interlarded among those three matters of tremendous importance are at least a dozen decisions of genuine significance to the Church. They will probably not provide such mountain peaks, but they are going to keep the interest in the legislation of the convention at a high pitch throughout. When we come to the close of this convention, probably it will be generally said that this has been, as was predicted, the most important convention in the history of our Church.

A Very Large Convention

It was predicted that this would be the largest convention in the history of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. A great many people are still saying that total registration will without a doubt pass 2,500. I don't know about that; at the moment, I rather doubt it. However, I believe that it is already the largest convention in our history, although I will have to admit that there has not been time to check up on that point. The registration

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Twenty-first General Conventi

which was reported at the beginning of the Wedne evening session showed 1,052 pastors with a rig vote registered; 899 lay delegates with a right to and 175 advisory members, with a right to speak bu to vote. This means that the voting strength regis at the opening of last night's session was 1,951, an total registration 2,126.

Everybody came to this convention early. Fur more, everyone who came was in a hurry to reg This was partly due to the fact that it was made kn that no one without a badge would be permitted o convention floor—a necessary precaution when th tendance is so large. The folks in charge of credenti although they were as carefully organized as ever worked as efficiently as anyone can—were simply able to keep up with the ever-lengthening lines of pa and delegates. It became necessary for President gaard to defer calling the afternoon session to c until three o'clock (a delay of one hour) in order the Committee on Credentials might have some ch of getting caught up on its work so that no one w be denied a seat on the convention floor.

Today will tell the story. If the report of the Cre tials Committee at the afternoon session has not rea 2,400, it will be obvious that the predicted figur 2,500 will not be reached. In any case, however, without a doubt the largest convention in our hist

A President Is Chosen

Reference to the front cover and front inside cover give our readers details concerning the man upon wh the choice of the Church fell last night—Doctor Fre A. Schiotz, who becomes the chief executive and lea of The Evangelical Lutheran Church on Septembe of this year. Necessarily, the material there had to compiled in a great hurry, and it may well be that will be compelled to make some correction in det and will want to add something further later. Howe in what we write here now, we shall add nothing garding the person and work of Doctor Schiotz. Rat we would like to comment a bit upon the election t was held, because we believe that it does have so interesting and significant points.

It was not until the opening session last night t

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Reported by the Editor

is matter came before the convention. Doctor Aasard explained the procedure very carefully: Those deing to nominate were requested to send in a slip of per bearing his name and the name of his candidate. kewise those who desired to second the nominations. he nomination addresses were taken in the alphabetical der of the candidates to be nominated. After all nomation addresses had been made, a round of seconding ldresses was given. This was followed by a second und of seconding addresses. Then the convention deeed that nominations were complete, and the meeting roceeded to vote.

Five men were nominated to the position of president. lowever, the results of the first ballot revealed two ings clearly. In the first place, only two men received rge enough votes so that they could actually be condered candidates on a second ballot. In the second lace, one of those two men—Doctor Schiotz—received o large a vote that it was almost a foregone conclusion at he would be elected. On the second ballot, his vote as so large as to constitute a most definite expression f the convention as to its choice in this matter.

There is nothing the convention needs to feel heartck about in this election. Everything was conducted n the same high plane that has characterized the disussion over all these months since Doctor Aasgaard anounced his desire to retire. Nothing was said that needs o be regretted. The election was free and open, and nere is no question whatever in this commentator's nind but that the choice of Doctor Schiotz represented he genuine will of this convention.

Talk—But No Action

It was the hope to be able to give the complete story of he discussion of and action on the merger resolutions in hese lines. However, at the close of yesterday, Thursday, une 10, no action had been taken, and a long list of speakers remain to be heard.

The resolutions regarding merger came to the Convention at the afternoon session of Thursday, following necessary preliminary business. The Secretary of the Church, in the absence of the Secretary of the Church Council, reported the resolutions, together with the preamble submitted by our Church Council. Resolution I, which simply receives the Report of the Joint Union Committee for consideration, was immediately put to a vote and carried.

Doctor Aasgaard then explained the procedure which he felt would make for the most democratic handling of this all-important matter. He stated that he was going to call upon Doctor T. F. Gullixson, a member of the Joint Union Committee, to give a general address introducing the entire merger matter. Next, the President stated, he would suggest that the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole so that a generous and reasonable and unrestricted discussion of the entire field might be held. Following that, his suggestion was that the Convention reconvene in legislative session, at which time the resolutions could be discussed and acted upon in their proper order. This procedure seemed to be completely acceptable to the Convention and, by general consensus, was agreed upon without formal action. A bit of discussion as to limiting the time of speakers resulted in the decision that each man, following Doctor Gullixson's address, was to be allotted ten minutes, with the understanding that the Convention might at any time reduce the length of time to five minutes. Following Doctor Gullixson's address, the Reverend R. A. Ofstedal, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa, and a member of the Union Committee, requested twenty-five minutes to reply to Doctor Gullixson. This was granted. Otherwise, the ten-minute limit was adhered to during the afternoon and evening.

A large number of addresses were given. Doctor Aasgaard attempted to have them equally divided in such a way that a speaker in favor of the merger was followed by a speaker opposed. This proved to be an almost impossible thing to do, since practically all of those who were sharp in their criticism of this or that concerning the merger insisted that they were "in favor of the merger, but for . . . ." However, by and large, the positive was followed by the negative.

The evening session was very much curtailed due to the fact that one of the departments had been granted time for a special program. This means that at the conclusion of the evening session, the Convention was still in the Committee of the Whole, with a lengthy list of speakers remaining to be heard. By and large, I believe that it may be said that the discussion was to the point. True, almost every conceivable phase was covered in one way or another. That, however, was the intention in fixing the procedure which was followed.

The merger matter is the order of the day again this morning, Friday. I am sure that some action will be reached sometime today, and that it will be possible to give the final results before this issue goes to press.

A Second Climax

Climax Number II of the convention was provided by the election of a president of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. As we have earlier stated in these pages, the election of a man to this position is governed by the constitution of the seminary. It provides that the Church Council and the Board of Education shall constitute the nominating body, with the stipulation, however, that further nominations may be made from the floor of the convention. Under this procedure, the nominating body submitted the name of Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. From the floor, Dr. George Aus, professor at and vice-president of Luther Theological Seminary, was nominated.

There were several reasons why this election had, in the minds of the voting members of the convention, come to assume very large proportions. The first was, obviously, the tremendous importance of the position. Luther Theological Seminary is and continues to be the "school of the prophets" for the ELC in the United States (it is to be remembered that there is also a Luther Theological Seminary in Canada). From it come the pastors of the Church, and "no Church rises higher than the average of its pastors." Not a few, in fact, have at various times given expression to the thought that, taking the long view, this election might well be more important than even the election of a president of the Church. Since the merger now seems assured, a president of the Church was actually being elected, as President-Elect Schiotz put it, "to a lame duck term." Luther Theological Seminary, on the other hand, will go on into the new Church and the man elected to the presidency of it will in all likelihood continue on until his retirement or death.

A second element was the fact that here the convention was filling a position which has been filled by one man for so long a time that he might well, to ape political language, be called "Mr. Luther Seminary." Dr. T. F. Gullixson and Luther Seminary are so intertwined in our minds that when we see him we see the institution he heads; when we see the institution, we see him. Whether it is good or bad, wise or foolish, for us to get into that frame of mind, I do not know. Certain it is that that is the way we feel and that we have been happy in it. Electing someone to take the place of a symbol, almost of an institution, is serious business!

There entered also the element that the delegates had to choose between two of the finest men God has ever bestowed on our Church. At the risk of showing poor taste, let me make this characterization: There is Rogness, "Al" to thousands of people in the Church. Calm, poised, imperturbable (has anyone ever seen him flustered or angry?). A man of deep consecration, one of the keenest minds in the Church, a capable theologian, a rare scholar, one of our greatest preachers. A m whose roots are deep in the soil of the Upper midw heart of the Church. A man whose ministry has on one hand been in the parish since the day he was dained, but whose talents have been used in the gen work of the Church for years; a man whose mini on the other hand has been used in inter-synodical cir for almost as many years. A man, in short, who see to have every qualification needed to be a great presid of a theological seminary.

But then there was Dr. Aus, too, "George" in private conversation and in the thinking of hundreds the young pastors who have sat in his classroom dur the last decade and a half. Short, with curly dark h a striking figure wherever you see him. Intense, terested in everything, with a brilliant, roving mind scholar the superior of whom we possibly do not h in the ELC. A teacher who can and does make his s ject live so vividly that he can literally keep his cl or his audience sitting on the edge of their chairs hours on end.

What a choice for a convention to make! No won this was a climax episode in a climactic convention.

The choice fell upon Dr. Rogness. He was elected the first ballot. He is the new president of Luther The ogical Seminary, St. Paul, a position he will assu September 1. In next week's issue, it is our hope have a detailed story about him. His election Friday the convention was without doubt "Climax Number of the convention.

New District President

In this issue, only passing mention can be made of t election of a president of the Eastern District. In a fort coming issue we shall have a fuller story, with a pictu and biographical sketch of the man elected.

Some time ago, Dr. Martin Anderson, beloved pr ident of the Eastern District for the past 17 years, a nounced his wish to retire. This made it necessary f the district to elect a successor. Ordinarily, elections district offices take place in odd-numbered years, whe district conventions have the center of the stage. Hov ever, an evening—Friday—was set aside for the co vention of the Eastern District. Following a recognitio service for Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, the convention pr ceeded to elect the Rev F. I. Schmidt, pastor of Beth Church, Madison, Wis., its president. As before r marked, we shall return to this subject in a later issu

And Then They Voted

And now—with exactly 48 lines of white space left t fill before this issue goes to press—back to the merge matters. What with this and that and the other, it wa not until Friday afternoon that the convention was abl

:eturn to a consideration of the merger question. It ; agreed that debate in "Committee of the Whole" :erminated and that the convention go into legislative ion.

'he task confronting the convention was to act on r resolutions (Resolution I had been adopted at the e the matter came before the convention). Naively, ıought there would be a systematic consideration of resolution at a time, with some discussion, and ;ibly a ballot vote on two of the resolutions. I was er more mistaken in my life. The members of the vention had (patiently or impatiently—I don't know ch) listened to numerous speeches, most of them con- ıed with the merger question in general, and it was ıo mood to delay action.

'ruth to tell, action was taken so fast as to leave this ımentator as speechless as it is in his nature ever to Resolution II—moved to adopt; seconded; carried h a roar of approval. Resolution III, a—ditto. Resolu- ıs IV and V combined and passed with a single roar- vote. And that was that. The Evangelical Lutheran ırch had said in a voice so loud that it will echo and re-echo throughout all of American Lutheranism that we are ready for merger with the other negotiating bodies, and let's not delay any longer than necessity dictates.

It will be necessary to devote an editorial shortly to the situation created by the action of our convention. I hope that can come very soon. Now—with most of my space gone and with the patience of the patient friends in the composing room of Augsburg Publishing House strained already—let me just say this: No one can question the definiteness and finality of the action taken on merger Friday afternoon. *The Evangelical Lutheran Church wants this merger* and is going to have it or know the reason why. While I confess that I wish final action had not been quite so precipitous, my heart is glad and thankful for the action of Friday. It was a tremendous experience to sit through that session. Humbly, I thank God for it. May God now give wisdom to those who must carry the negotiations to a successful conclusion. Never in our history has our Church given a more stupendous task to a group of its men.

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n Germany, and, as a result of the war, found themes very definitely "orphaned." It became the blessed iistry of American Lutherans, acting through the :ional Lutheran Council, to support and uphold this sion work. The task of Doctor Schiotz was to direct co-ordinate such work.

'here is not space here to go into the details of the iifications of the work Doctor Schiotz has directed. ıas called for a great deal of administrative ability, n insight, and detailed knowledge of world affairs in eral and Christian and Lutheran affairs in particu- Not a year has gone by that Doctor Schiotz has not n compelled to spend a great deal of time in all parts he world. With possibly one exception, he has prob- traveled more extensively these past years than any n in American Lutheranism. As the Lutheran World leration was able to take up work more and more ctively following the war, much of the work has n gradually transferred to the direction of the Lu- ran World Federation. However, Doctor Schiotz has tinued to be the directing head.

n 1928, Doctor Schiotz was married to Dagny Aasen, ghter of the well-known pastor of our Church, the verend A. O. Aasen. During the past several years, Schiotz family have made their home at Glen Head, ng Island, New York. There are three children: Lois nne, who graduated from St. Olaf College this spring and who has accepted a call as parish worker in Our Savior's Church, Glen Head, Long Island; Nathan Eiler, a junior in high school; and John Paul II, freshman in high school.

Since his college days, Doctor Schiotz has been keenly interested in inter-Lutheran relationships. There are few men who have been more concerned for Lutheran unity in general and for the merger of Lutheran bodies whenever possible, in particular. Readers of LUTHERAN HERALD will recall the series of articles he wrote concerning the present merger negotiations two years ago. Attendants at the ELC convention of 1952 will recall the address he gave there in favor of continuing merger negotiations. He comes into the presidency singularly well equipped to lead the Church in the continuing negotiations looking toward merger. On the other hand, as a competent church man, he has kept in close touch with everything touching upon the life of our Church. He is well fitted to occupy the chief administrative position in our Church.

Above and beyond all this, however, and much more important, is the fact that Doctor Schiotz is an outstanding Christian personality. In everything that he has undertaken, there has been evident in his attitude, approach, and action a deep-seated faith, a large measure of consecration, and a genuine humility. Since the position which he now enters upon is primarily a spiritual position, his stature as a Christian man and Christian leader augurs well for a successful administration of his Church.

Disciples, in Fact

Harold B. Kildahl

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 27, 1954

Luke 14:25-35

The basic teaching of the Lord on this day is that His disciples must be prepared to give up all earthly things and give themselves without restraint to the Christian faith and life. They must be disciples in fact.

His words are first directed to the hearts of men. This is surely the expected order of things in the Christian faith, for did He not say: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he"? The heart, symbol of life, symbol of all that is commonly accepted as the "thing itself," is in need of regeneration, of rebirth. It must be changed. Whereas by nature man enthrones himself in the heart, to satisfy self, to labor for self, here our Lord demands that the heart be yielded to Him, that He be enthroned there, that life center in Him, and that man separate himself from everything that is of the world and give full allegiance to the Savior. It is love—unfeigned, unrestricted love of Christ—that is here demanded by the Savior.

His words are also directed to the lives of men. This, too, is expected in the order of things as they pertain to the Christian faith. Our Lord very often referred to the conduct of men and said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." Life is a reflection of faith, conduct is an expression of love. What a man does is an extension of what a man believes.

This service of life must not be either unthinking or spasmodic. Consider for a moment the examples our Lord uses in teaching this lesson.

The first is a builder who starts his project but who, along the way, realizes that he failed to measure the full cost of his project and, lacking the needed funds, must stop his work. Now, there isn't anything as disturbing and discouraging as a building half built. The second is a soldier who, in a rather headstrong manner, goes to war. To wage war without taking into consideration the total cost, or without serious concern over the strength of the enemy, is to court disaster and quick defeat, or to sue for peace without honor. The lesson? Half-hearted discipleship can only end in spiritual disaster.

You are a disciple of Christ? Then, friend, listen. If you really want to carry out the requirements of the disciple, you must live each day to savor the society in which you live with the savor of love and mercy even as Christ before you. Only those for whom He is all in all can be disciples in fact.

Homeward Bound

Bertha M. Under

"I will give you long life
That I may teach you my way"
Is a promise centuries old,
And truly God works in mysterious ways
To shepherd the sheep of His fold.
Time marches on with incredible speed,
Leaving youth and her energies spent
With weight of the burdens
To which man is heir—
The figure grows weary and bent.
The outer shell changes and sheds off its fruits
On the highway from childhood to age.
Events that transpire are viewed from afar
And sealed in the Book of Life's page.
But the burdens are weighted according to streng
Allotted to bearing the load.
As the outer man crumbles, the inner man leans
Toward the Spirit's eternal abode.
When the Home Light grows brighter,
The traveler's thoughts
Revert to the path he has trod,
And he sees that all things work together for good
For the pilgrim who loves and trusts God.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

No one ever talked with me about going into the mi try until I asked about it," was the way one semin student expressed his desire for counsel.

The Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madis N. J., interviewed 1978 ministerial students and 731 them or 37 per cent said they wished someone l talked with them about the ministry when they were high school or college.

Over one-fifth of these young men said they w never told that the Church needed more minist Mothers influence their sons to enter the minis much more than fathers do. The boys said their friend encouraged them to enter the ministry in th times as many cases as she discouraged them.

This study of 1978 ministerial students from 48 sta and 20 denominations is available to any pastor or p ent on request. (Send 15 cents for handling charges.)

(From the Rural Church Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ıe Epistle: Romans 2:1-16 — **The Gospel: Luke 15:11-24**

Monday, June 28
CAUSE FOR WONDER

Read Acts 3:11-16

"Men of Israel, why do you wonder at 's, or why do you stare at us, as though our own power or piety we had made n walk?"

The healing of the lame man by Peter d John caused many people to gather at : scene. They were "astounded," they re filled with wonder. This gave Peter chance to tell the story of Jesus. He ıde it clear that it was not any power his, or of John's, that had brought out this miracle. Behind the wonder of is miracle was the wonder of God's love Christ. "And his name . . . has made is man strong whom you see and ow."

It seems that God caused many miracles be done in the early days of the new ıurch in order to draw attention to His wer. When people wondered at these ts, many were by faith led to let God ork His wonders within them. They cepted Christ and were saved. What od can do with any penitent sinner is use for wonder to this day.

Work your wonders among us, O God.

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Thursday, July 1
IN TROUBLE

Read Acts 4:1-12

And they arrested them and put them custody until the morrow. . . . But any of those who heard the word beved. . .

Peter and John got themselves into ouble for healing the lame man at the mple. The priests and the Sadducees oved against them. They were afraid their message and their power.

But Peter and John were not discouraged. They spoke their Christian message en in the presence of the rulers. They iew the truth and declared it. They were couraged by the Spirit of God and saw idence of His work. This evidence lped to give them cheer to withstand ıe workings of the enemy. God was with ıem.

Trouble has always gone hand in hand ith true Christianity. That is true beıuse the world cannot endure it. With hristianity comes a cross. But with hrist it can be endured. "Welcome, welome, Christian cross, if Christ be with !" So prayed a saint of old. We, too, ıust bear the brunt of trouble if our ith is real. And we will do so cheerfully.

Tuesday, June 29
HOME

Read Luke 15:11-24

"I will arise and go to my father . . ."

This beautiful story, told by Jesus, presents the history of a son in relation to his home. First, he was sick of home. Distant places were calling. They made him blind to the good things he enjoyed under his father's roof. So he took the fatal step. He left home.

Next, he was homesick. Totally unhappy in a strange land, he was lonesome for home. He took stock of how he had fallen. He compared his present life with his former life. He dreamed of home.

Then, "when he came to himself," he said, "I will arise and go to my father." This is the smartest thing he ever said because it stood him up on his feet and sent him marching home. All the way he must have rehearsed his confession. It was a true confession. "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you." He had experienced a hard experience and was anxious to come home.

The glad reception given him by his father is for every sinner who returns.

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Friday, July 2
PERSECUTION

Read Matthew 5:6-12

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

It isn't hard to be a Christian in our land today. No one steps up to you and asks with threatening voice, "Are you a Christian?" No one loses his head because he is a follower of Christ. Christians enjoy the same protection accorded to the atheists.

Nevertheless, it is not possible to avoid some form of persecution if we are sincere in Christian faith and practice. A man who works in an office tells that the office crew is forever operating pools on baseball scores, and other items. Every day there is some form of gambling going on. On principle, he does not enter in on it. For this reason he is made fun of. He is too "Christian," he is told.

Persecution comes to Christian people who strive to be sincere. They need not look for it, it comes of itself. But the suffering we do is not to be compared with the gift we have in Christ Jesus.

Wednesday, June 30
WELLS OF SALVATION

Read Isaiah 12

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name. . . ."

Until a few years ago, almost all of the Mojave Desert in Southern California was nothing but an arid basin. It was a huge wasteland where nothing would grow. Then came irrigation. Life-giving waters were guided to the desert through big ditches, and large tracts of land were put under cultivation. Recently, engineers found that a great supply of water was lying deep beneath the desert. Wells were drilled and the water brought forth. Wherever the water is applied, the desert is transformed.

Isaiah talked to a people who lived in a dry land and who could understand him when he spoke of wells. As with soil, so also with hearts. God is like a well in the desert of life. Those who draw from this well have salvation. They have a "patch of green" in a lifeless desert. For this they "give thanks to the Lord."

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Saturday, July 3
NEW MAN, NEW NAME

Read Genesis 17:1-9

"No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations."

When God chose Abram and made him a man of faith, he was no longer the same man. He became a new man filled with new purposes and headed for a new country. The new man was given a new name, Abraham.

With anyone upon whom God works His purposes, nothing is the same any more. All things are changed. When Alexander the Great moved over the world of his day, taking lands and cities as he marched along, he gave the larger centers his name. In a real sense, and for better reasons, God in Christ imparts a new name to all whom He conquers with His love.

The Apostle Paul said that it was no longer he that lived, it was Christ. This was his way of saying he had a new name. How good it is to bear the Name of Christ! It stands for faith, for newness of life, for grace, for love and eternity.

Make all men new, O God, and give unto them a new name. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Ols

CHURCHES FOR NEW FRONTIERS

A total of $5,506,759 has been contributed to the "Churches for New Frontiers" campaign of the American Baptist Convention. The goal of the campaign, scheduled to end December 1, is $8,350,000. Part of the money raised will be used to build between 300 and 400 new church buildings across the country during the next two or three years. The rest will be used as a revolving loan fund to help establish churches in years to come.

Senator Frank Carlson (R., Kans.), who is chairman of the campaign, told the annual meeting there were four reasons the effort should be carried to its successful issue. "First," he said, "because as a member of one of the great divisions of Protestantism, we Baptists must march with the Army. . . . I am not primarily concerned about others getting ahead of us. The thing that concerns me is that members of the American Baptist Convention have a responsibility to advance the attacking line against irreligion.

"In the second place," he continued, "more than a thousand of our churches have already given more than $3,000,000. We owe something to these people who have led the attack." Quoting Moses addressing the children of Israel he said, "Shall your brethren go to war and you sit here?"

Senator Carlson's third "reason" was that the Baptists were dealing with men and not money, and his fourth that home missions was at the core of the whole Christian program, stating, "It is all very well to lengthen our cords, but we must also strengthen our stakes upon which the cords depend."

ASK END OF BOMB TESTS

Among the resolutions adopted by the American Baptist Convention, on its closing day, was one which asked an end to U.S. tests of atomic or hydrogen bombs "in areas where danger and fear of danger to other nations result."

The delegates also called upon the United Nations to continue its efforts to find a way for universal enforceable disarmament with an adequate system of inspection and control. By overwhelming vote they rejected a proposal to commend Congress for its "efforts to root out Communism or similar ideologies" from government, but adopted a resolution which recognized "the right and duty of Congress to conduct such investigations."

Other resolutions:

Criticized the McCarran-Walter act of 1952 for its "discrimination against a large section of Asia," and urged facilitation of the entry of the full quota under the refugee relief act of 1953.

Asked the Senate to restore the full appropriation of $15,000,000, cut by the House to $9,000,000, for the exchange of persons educational program.

Commended the Supreme Court for its decision outlawing segregation in public education and urged American Baptists to increase their opposition to other areas of segregation—housing, employment, recreation, church participation.

Supported the Bryson bill to p hibit interstate advertising of alcoh beverages on radio, on television, a in print.

SAYS LIQUOR INTERESTS OUT TO RAISE PER CAPITA DRINKIN

The retiring president of the Ame can Baptist Convention, Dr. Winfi Edson, Long Beach, Californ charged that America's brewers a distillers are out to raise the per cap consumption of liquor in this nati from 20 to 60 gallons annually. To complish the goal, he said, the brew and distillers are spending $250,00 000 a year in advertising.

Stating that this nation is spendi nine times as much on liquor as education, he added, "Already we ha seven million problem drinkers a four million of these are alcoholi One million of the alcoholics are wo en."

Dr. Edson insisted that "It is the s of God's people today that is holdi up social righteousness and making i effective our efforts to clean up t moral rottenness of our generatio Christians are too apt to think th only the unsaved are sinners and th

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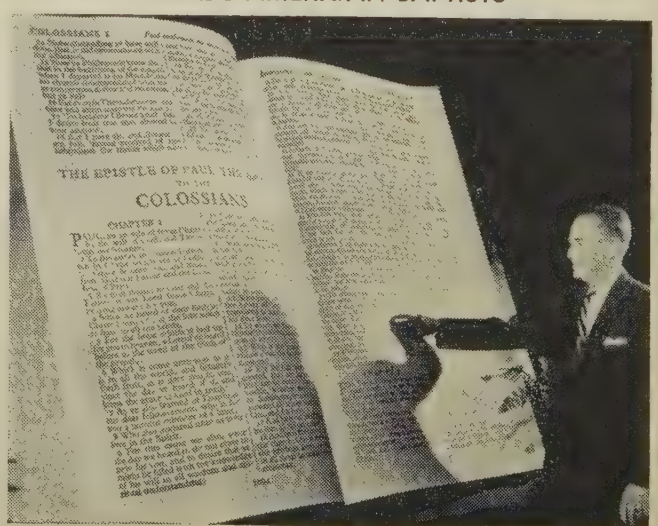

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Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Germantown, Pa., was elected president of the American Baptist Convention at its 47th annual meeting in Minneapolis. He succeeds Dr. Winfield Edson of Long Beach, California. Dr. Hargroves, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Germantown, points to a verse in a giant Bible exhibited at the meeting. The verse is Colossians 1:27, on which the convention's theme, "Christ in You," was based.

ıristianity is nothing more than a ıtual insurance company of the soul. ıe Bible does not agree. It says far ɔre about the sins of God's people ın it does about the sins of those ıo do not know Him."

ORLD BAPTIST MEMBERSHIP IOWS MAJOR GAIN

ıptist church membership in the ɔrld has increased by more than 300 r cent in less than 50 years. This was e information provided by Dr. Joel renson, Stockholm, Sweden, youth retary of the Baptist World Alli- ce, in reporting to the recent ABC nual meeting. Total figures in the liance offices show at least 20,250,000 ptist church members.

Dr. Sorenson said that in the Rus- n Baptist churches there are more ın two million regular adherents, th the work growing. Despite the ins, he said, "it is quite a disturbing tor that in so many of the large ptist denominations, there are thou- ıds, maybe millions of people, for ıom the Church is nothing but one ɔre institution to join."

He said that Baptists would have to termine their attitude toward co- igionists behind the Iron Curtain. e asked, "Will we express Western rticularism and let our devotion to r forms of society and our opposi- n to their government make a true ıristian fellowship impossible?" He d it was his opinion that "the ıurch of Jesus Christ cannot identify elf either with the East or with the est. We stand between both."

CREASED CONTRIBUTIONS AMERICAN BAPTISTS

ɔntributions to the unified and in- tutional budgets of American Bap- t Convention agencies and to its churches for New Frontiers" cam- ign totaled nearly $8,200,000 during e past year, it was reported at the nual convention. Annual receipts ve increased about $2,000,000 in the t four years, according to Dr. Ralph . Johnson, director of the denomina- n's Council on Missionary Co-opera- n.

He reported that unified budget re- ipts for the fiscal year ending April 30 totaled $7,502,325, which is $102,- 325 above the goal and 6.79 per cent above receipts last year. "So far as I know," Dr. Johnson said, "no other denomination has made a comparable gain in the last four years. This record is all the more remarkable when one considers the large contributions that Baptists have made to the 'Churches for New Frontiers' campaign during this same period."

BAPTISTS SEE THREATS TO FREEDOM

Among the churches of America the Baptists have as fine a heritage of understanding the importance of religious and political freedom as any, and more than most. They are the spiritual sons of Roger Williams, who fought for such freedoms in colonial days. When the American Baptist Convention held its annual meeting in Minneapolis in late May there was an observance of the 350th anniversary of the birth of Roger Williams which included a declaration from the ABC general council entitled "A Statement by Baptists Concerning Freedom."

The statement warned that there are two forces threatening the basic human rights which we have received through the struggles of "our fathers." One of these is "a tyranny which seems to respect neither God, nor man, nor truth, and finds expression in forms of Communism." The other, it said, is "a tyranny that seems to respect neither rights of individuals nor democratic processes of our nation."

"There are individuals and groups in American life so intent upon combating the menace of Communism that they adopt the very principles and methods which make Communism itself frightening," said the statement which was adopted by the annual meeting. "They attack non-conformity as subversive, make no distinction between dissent and disloyalty, confuse disagreement with disaffection, equate accusation with guilt. Truth is slanted for ulterior purposes or submerged in suspicion and fear. Adherents of these un-American doctrines openly consider others guilty until proved innocent and have imperiously reinstated the discredited theory that the end justifies the means. Thus there is danger lest in attempting to prevent evil, greater evils arise."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Seventy-seven new missionaries were commissioned by the American Baptist Convention during the course of their annual meeting. They will serve on mission fields in the U.S., Alaska, India, Burma, Philippine Islands, and the Belgian Congo. . . . The National Council of American Baptist Women, during their annual sessions, closed the enrollment of charter members with the presentation of a book with 60,000 names. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge of Portland, Oregon, is president of the Council. . . . When Dr. J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the American Baptist Convention he said, "Conviction is gone from many Baptist lives, and in its place is found an easy compliance and conformity to the world which may make us more comfortable companions but no longer compassionate critics of evil. Our peril is not from hardship now, but from comfort." . . . Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary of the ABC, told the Baptists that the general health of the denomination is "far better than it has been for many years." He said that the number of churches leaving the group during the past year "dwindled to a mere handful" and "these have left as a result of seeds of propaganda long since sown. The tide has most definitely turned, until the number of new and returning churches far exceeds the number that have felt led to withdraw." . . . After 106 speeches before Baptist groups all over the country and 70,000 miles of travel, President Winfield Edson goes down in American Baptist history as the "travelingest" and "speakingest" president. He had spoken at the annual meetings of 20 state Baptist conventions and all but three of the state areas of the ABC. At the same time he had been in his pulpit in Long Beach, Calif., almost every Sunday. . . . Increased benefits for ministers and missionaries were announced by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the ABC. The single payment death benefit increased from three months' salary, with minimum of $1,000 to six months' salary, with minimum of $2,000.

Correspondence

"A LUTHERAN COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA"

►I read with much interest the article in the May 18 issue of LUTHERAN HERALD entitled, "A Lutheran College in California?" I think it is fine that our Church is finally waking up to the fact (about 12 years too late) that we must meet the spiritual needs of our people during mass migrations. Without a doubt a Lutheran college in California would be a credit to our Church and would graduate many well qualified men and women, but—$2,000,000 within five years for facilities for 400 students? What about the thousands of other young Lutherans desiring an education?

Let us not forget that the ELC is having difficulty m ing the financial obligations of the colleges it has alre established. Would it not be much better to hire pas and establish centers of activity and worship through Lutheran Student Association at all state-supported sch in California?

In view of our limited budget, let us rely on Califor to furnish our young people with the necessary and t nical and liberal arts training and have the Church pres at each of these institutions for the benefit of all of Lutheran students instead of a select 400.

MILO HARPESTEAD
Wilmot, S. Dak.

The Correspondence page is intended to be an open for for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this p are those of the writers, with which the editor may or n not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teach of the church will be accepted.

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PERSONS

The Rev. Donald Hetzler, Concordia, Kansas, has accepted a call to be campus pastor at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

The Rev. Gordon A. Selbo, pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, since 1950, has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Mobridge, S. Dak.

The Rev. Cameron P. Hoff, recently released from duty as a navy chaplain, was installed May 23 as pastor of Mount Olive Church, Santa Monica, Calif., by District President Falde.

The Rev. C. M. Hanson, executive secretary of the Zion Society for Israel, has been visiting congregations in the Pacific Northwest since early in May, continuing into June.

The Rev. Wm. Benbow, formerly of Chatfield, Minn., was installed May 30 as pastor of St. John's Church, Waukon, Iowa.

The Rev. Alfred Bredesen, Venice, Florida, is serving as interim pastor of the Glenwood-Canoe Ridge parish near Decorah, Iowa. He was pastor of this parish 1931-48.

Lambert Locker, who since his graduation in 1953 from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has been studying in Norway, has accepted a call to the Belfield-Medora parish in North Dakota.

The Rev. W. H. Braaten, Dawson Creek, B.C., has accepted a call to Watrous, Sask.

Kent S. Knutson, a 1951 B.Th. graduate of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, and currently preparing for his doctor's degree at Eastern universities, was ordained May 30 at Lake Church, Renwick, Iowa, on a call to the pastorate of Our Saviour's Church, Staten Island, N. Y. Ordinator was Dr. A. N. Rogness, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The Rev. Raymond M. Olson, ELC director of stewardship, has been granted the doctor of divinity degree by Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Stolee, formerly of Donalda, Alta., now residents of Bethany Sunset Home, Camrose, Alta., celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary May 19. Three of their sons are in the ministry: Peter B., Jacob B., and J. Selmer Stolee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lars Vensand, me bers of Bethlehem Church, Aberde S. Dak., celebrated their 60th wedd anniversary May 23.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Wick, tawa, Ill., celebrated their golden w ding May 30.

The Rev. Elias Rasmussen, pastor the Norwegian Memorial Church, M neapolis, went by plane to Norw June 15 for a six-weeks visit. On Su day, June 27 he will preach at t International League of Norseme service in connection with the cen nary of the city of Haugesund.

DISTRICTS

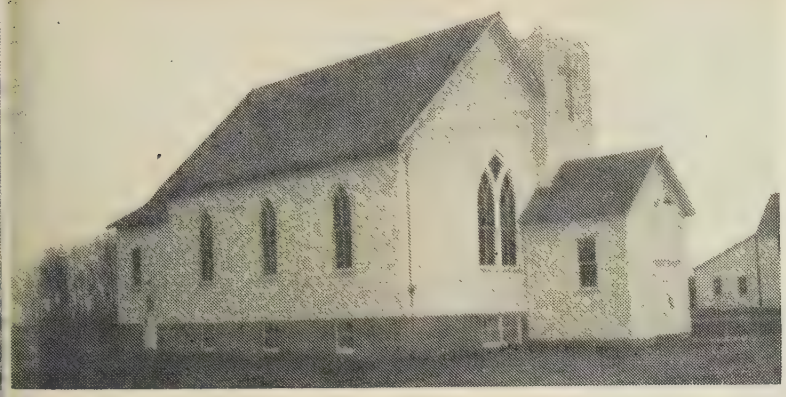
Eastern

Milwaukee, Wis. During the fi five months of the present year Asc sion Church, parish of the Rev. H ver T. Grimsby, has had 202 accessio 44 of these by adult confirmation. T

FIRST LUTHERAN IN MUSKEGON

Pictured above is the architect's sketch of the edifice being erected by First Evangelic Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Mich., the Rev. Albin L. Fortney, pastor. As mentioned these columns earlier, ground for the new church was broken recently. The new site is suburban plot of ground three and one half acres in extent. The building being erecte will cost $168,000. Although the location of the old church has become increasing impractical over a number of years, First Lutheran has doubled in membership the pa five years.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA CHURCH FIFTY YEARS OLD



ıth anniversary festivities took place May 9 at the Bethesda Church of March Grove, of the Viking parish in northern Minnesota. The Rev. P. M. Bratlie, who served the regation 1942-45, preached at the forenoon service. Speaker at the afternoon service District President Hanson. Present pastor of the Viking parish is the Rev. A. N. Grorud.

ized membership of the church totals 4,850, the confirmed membership 3,308.

ındwich, Ill. The fiftieth anniver- of Our Saviour's Church was ob- ed May 16, the Rev. Ariel Moll- n of Beloit, Wis., pastor of the gregation 1937-42, preaching the ıon. He also rededicated the church r extensive improvements. Speak- at various anniversary services dur- the preceding week were: Pastors R. Blegen, B. Ostrem, and O. Laa- and Mesdames B. Shoemaker and . Larson. The anniversary booklet lished is dedicated to the memory he late Dr. A. O. Mortvedt, who ınized the church in 1904. Present or is the Rev. E. Leonard Johnson.

Vest Salem, Wis. In this parish, ed by the Rev. J. L. Ranum, 18 lts were lately confirmed and four lts baptized.

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Concrete, Wash. Shepherd of the ls Church, a new congregation, is icipating the erection of a worship pel. At present services are con- ted in three adjoining residence- e rooms with the aid of a loud- aker. Attendance has averaged over , Easter attendance totaling 272. ish pastor is the Rev. Morris A. ompson.

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North Hollywood, Calif. Drive-in vices, which have proved successful preceding summers, will be resumed first Sunday in July by Emmanuel urch, parish of the Rev. Erling H. ld.

South Central

Clear Lake, Iowa. The Ladies Aid of Zion Church, parish of the Rev. G. C. Strum, is assuming the support of Miss Evelyn Tuff, recently called to missionary service in Japan. The Sunday school of the parish is already supporting a missionary, Miss Pearl Larson in the Sudan field.

Radcliffe, Iowa. Radcliffe Church, parish of the Rev. A. I. Kvamme, is building a new church and parish house.

Decorah, Iowa. Decorah Church, parish of the Rev. Ivar Gjellstad, has decided to begin raising funds for the erection of a new church edifice.

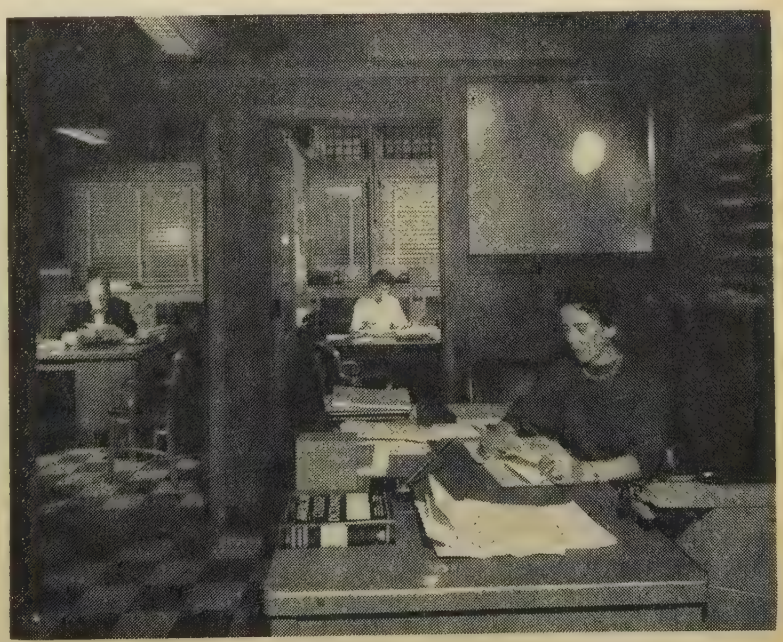
South Dakota

Oldham, S. Dak. The cornerstone of the new church being built by the Oldham congregation was laid June 20 by the pastor, the Rev. Morris E. Ulring, assisted by the Rev. C. O. Johnson, Milbank, S. Dak., former pastor of the church. In the evening the Rev. A. E. Windahl, evangelist, spoke. During the preceding week services were conducted by the Rev. Arthur Grimstad of the Concordia College faculty, Moorhead, Minn.

Canada

Grande Prairie, Alberta. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Donald I. Hanson, is building a new parsonage helped by a grant-in-aid and a loan from the Home Mission Department.

Ponoka, Alberta. Our Saviour's Church, a comparatively new church, has bought a rural church, formerly used by Baptists, and is moving it to Ponoka. It is also building a new parsonage, partly through a Church Extension loan, partly through underwriting by members of rural Asker Church, which is part of the same parish. Pastor of this parish is J. F. Haugen.



The offices of Lutheran Herald have also benefited by the building and rebuilding program of Augsburg Publishing House. After many years on the third floor of the publishing house, the offices are now on the first floor of the old building, readily accessible to visitors. Pictured are, in the foreground, Miss Lea Shearer; left rear, Editor Malmin; and right rear, Miss Gladys Wogen, assistant to the editor. Photo by Ellertson-Burgess.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRANTS

The Rev. Olaf Lysnes and wife, nee Phoebe Petterson, St. Paul, Minn., celebrate June 22 the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The event will also commemorate that this is the fiftieth year since his ordination. He served parishes at Robinson, Kansas; Vermillion, S. Dak.; and Clinton, Wis., and later was engaged for about twelve years in editorial work at Augsburg Publishing House. For thirty years he wrote weekly sermons in "Lutheran Herald."

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER AND MRS. POPE CONFIRMED TOGETHER

Of a recent adult confirmation class instructed by the Rev. Orville G. Hiepler, pastor of Fruitridge Church, Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Martin Luther and Mrs. Pope were members. Also a member of the class was Shinsee Yinomine, a Japanese born in Hawaii, who served in the American army in Germany, married a German woman, and now, together with his wife, is a member of this new Lutheran church in Sacramento. The same day, April 25, 73 new members in all were received.

DEDICATION OF IOWA BIBLE CAMP

Ingham Lake Bible Camp will be host to a large gathering on Sunday, June 20 at 8 P.M., for the dedication service of the entire camp site. Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District, will conduct the rite of dedication. Dr. A. J. Tolo, Dows, Iowa, will be the liturgist. Ingham Lake Bible Camp, owned and operated by the Estherville and Eagle Grove circuits, is now starting its fourth year of operation. The camp site covers 21 heavily wooded acres of beautiful shoreline on Ingham Lake. The phenomenal growth of the camp from nothing but woods to the present fourteen buildings, amounting to an investment of over $40,000, has largely been possible due to the volunteer help donated by interested people in surrounding congregations. All the buildings are completely modern, from electricity to plumbing and equipment. A new $2,000 modern kitchen is just being completed for this season's camping schedule. Facilities at the camp will accommodate 180 youth very comfortably, with space for an overflow.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Henry B. Peterson

Mrs. Henry B. (Evelyn) Peters member of Newark Church, Ne Ill., died May 18. Funeral services held at her home church Ma Speakers were: the Rev. Benj. Os pastor loci; the Rev. Norris Stoa the Rev. J. B. Shefveland, broth law of the deceased. Mrs. Peters survived by her husband, four chil and eleven grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sale: Seven Venetian bl 8 ft., 3 in. by 27 in.; two blinds, 3 in. by 33 in.; and one blind, 5 f 24 in.; in good condition. Write **theran Herald.**

Complete files of Lutheran He from 1921 to present time may be by visiting Mrs. C. O. Highland, land, Iowa.

The American Lutheran Church gan its first mission in Tulsa, C homa, June 6, 1954. The missio is the Rev. A. C. Rueter, formerl Inglewood, Calif. As there are no gregations of The Evangelical Lut an Church in Tulsa and vicinity, tor Rueter requests those knowing therans in and around Tulsa ki to forward their names and addre to him at 4039 S. Harvard, Tuls Oklahoma.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT NORTHWOOD, IOWA

First Lutheran Church of Northwood, Iowa, parish of the Rev. Oscar Mikkelson, had new church with its attached two-story Parish Education Unit dedicated Sunday afterno May 16, by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District. Taking part in t various services held during the day were three clergymen who earlier served the pari J. W. Ylvisaker, A. J. Tolo, and O. H. Hove; also Pastors E. A. Grefthen and J. L. Ran (sons of the congregation), and H. B. Hanson, E. A. Henderson, and Thos. Boe. In t evening the senior choir gave a concert, directed by Charles Kirch; speaker was Preside S. A. Rand, Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa. The new fane, a blending of tradition and contemporary style of architecture, is constructed of Fond du Lac and Lannon sto Above the main entrance rises the bell tower, topped by a copper steeple and cross. T nave merges with a chancel whose ceiling is of the same height as the nave's. The chur part of the building is approximately 192x50 feet, and the parish hall part 92x52 fe in dimensions. In the limestone panel on the south exterior wall are carved the followi words: "Others have labored, enter ye into the fruits of their labor."

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n, silo, and chicken house. Lutheran com-
nity; 3 churches in vicinity. 2 miles to
ntry store, 10 miles to county seat. Price
00 if taken soon. Will sell livestock and
hinery if desired. 366-8A

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or sale—a very nice home in Nelson,
nesota. 3 lots. Close to Lutheran church
school. Easy payments. 366-9B

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or sale—Auto parts business, large build-
and lot, in southeastern North Dakota.
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ncome property for sale. 3 duplexes and a
se. Buildings in good condition. Located
r Seattle, Washington; first class schools;
heran church. Illness forces sale, will sacri-
for $55,000. 366-11C

Gospel book and variety store in small
n in western Washington for sale. Living
rters in back. May buy or rent building.
d school trade. Must sell because of ill-
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Dental office for sale in Steele County, Minnesota. Very good opportunity. Weber X-ray, other equipment included. 366-13C

Fine grocery store for sale in small town in Goodhue County, Minnesota. Good building, fixtures, and stock. $5,000. 366-14C

General store with bottle gas business for sale in fine Lutheran community in Goodhue County, Minnesota. Modern living rooms. Quick sale price, $8,500. 366-15C

For sale—two of the best selling automobile agencies; complete line of farm machinery and well accepted trucks, shop equipment, and parts. In good county seat town in southern Minnesota farming area. Will sell or lease building. 366-16C

For sale—3 bowling alleys complete with balls, shoes, cleaning equipment, etc.; in excellent condition. Suitable for commercial use or church recreation rooms. Approximately one-third actual cost. Easily moved. Southeastern Minnesota. 366-17C

Opportunity for responsible person to buy into radio-television business in county seat of 1,500 in north central Kansas. ELC church. 366-18C

FOR RENT

Nice four room basement apartment to elderly Christian couple or lady. Two bedrooms, living room, kitchen with built-ins, stove and refrigerator. Tile floors, newly decorated. 2 blocks from Lutheran church and near to bus. Available July 1. Grand Forks, North Dakota. 366-19B

POSITIONS WANTED

Young man, 29, desires position as parish visitor. Has B.A. degree from Concordia College and 17 months field experience in social welfare work. 366-20E

Young, married man, experienced as choir director, singer, teacher of music theory, piano and voice desires teaching position. Has master's degree and 3½ years experience at college level. 366-21E

Organist and choir director position wanted. New York City preferred, but would also consider other locations in East. Mus. B. from Gustavus Adolphus College. 366-31D

HELP WANTED

Housekeeper wanted on farm in southwestern Minnesota; not over 45 years old. No objection to one child. 366-22F

Housekeeper wanted for elderly Lutheran couple in small town in Olmsted County, Minnesota. Neither bedridden. Willing to pay $100 per month. Have own room; TV; electricity. Church next door. 366-23F

Elderly man wants middle-aged couple to stay with him and share home in Minnesota. Rent free in exchange for housework. 366-24F

Young or middle-aged lady wanted for ready-to-wear store, in city of 35,000 on coast in Washington. Must be able to buy, sell, and supervise ready to wear department employing 6 to 8 sales ladies. Medium-sized, independently owned department store. 366-25F

Vulcanizer wanted for high grade shop in one of the best West Coast towns, Washington. Must be journeyman and able to handle any job. 366-26G

Eye, nose and throat specialist wanted in Pacific Coast city in Washington. Only one doctor, another one recently passed away. Choice office space, reasonable rent. 366-27G

Wanted—Foot specialist for office recently vacated by successful practitioner. Can be rented for only $45 per month. Located in Pacific Coast city in Washington. 366-28G

Medium-sized prosperous city in the State of Washington, Lutheran community, with population of around 50,000, desires Lutheran attorney. Must be able and aggressive. 366-29G

Opening for an osteopath in southern Minnesota city of approximately 15,000. Heart of a thriving community. Inquiry should be made at once. 366-30G

Do you mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and, perhaps, neighborhood friends wonder whether your boy or girl, man or woman, way out there in California, down in Texas, up in Washington, or even in Minnesota is attending a Lutheran church? By simply filling out this coupon and sending it in, perhaps a family will be saved for the Church.

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In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

From February 8 Through February 12, 1954

Jenkins, Mrs. Marie, Sioux City, Ia., $3.
Johnson, Mrs. Elmer T., Milnor, N. D., $5.
Johnson, Mrs. Ole, Joice, Ia., $79.
Johnson, Mrs. Selma, Mound City, S. D., $4.
Jordahls, John, Decorah, Ia., $15.
Kjobli, Mrs. Ole, Plaza, N. D., $5.
Knudtson, Charles, Waukon, Ia., $2.
Langerud, Mrs. Ole, Leland, Ia., $22.
Larsen, Mrs. John C., Wallingford, Ia., $263.
Larson, Herbert, Garner, Ia., $33.
Larson, Helmar, Hawick, Minn., $1.
Larson, Peter H., Milan, Minn., $78.
Leite, Torkel J., Belgrade, Minn., $13.
Lyslo, Mrs. A., Belview, Minn., $5.
Mahlum, John L., Dawson, Minn., $12.
Miller, Susie, Cottonwood, Minn., $78.
Moe, Mabel, Rath, S. D., $24.
Molden, Grace, Sioux City, Ia., $5.
Nelson, Gust, Clear Lake, Minn., $24.
Nord, Mrs. John, Walcott, N. D., $33.
Olson, Mrs. Cora, Alexander, N. D., $5.
Oman, Mrs. Anton, Boyd, Minn., $10.
Pagels, John, Fargo, N. D., $5.
Pederson, Nils M., Aberdeen, Wash., $5.
Peterson, Jeffrey Lynn, Ellsworth, Ia., $55.
Ree, Karen, Zumbrota, Minn., $20.
Richards, W. W., Lake Mills, Ia., $5.
Ringsak, Martin, Grafton, N. D., $5.
Robinson, Martin, Viroqua, Wis., $78.
Ronnei, Mrs. Thea, Starbuck, Minn., $100.50.
Sandsmork, Martin, Shelly, Minn., $3.
Schaegel, Charles, Stephen, Minn., $9.
Sersland, Donald, Ossian, Ia., $19.
Setterlund, Mrs. Hilda, Hoffman, Minn., $2.
Smith, Mrs. Frank, Wilson, Wis., $12.
Soltvedt, Mrs. Marvel, Oslo, Minn., $4.
Teig, Mattie, Lakefield, Minn., $27.
Tenborg, Baby, Wallingford, Ia., $5.
Tendall, Ralph, Belmond, Ia., $108.
Thalacker, Mrs. Clara, Humboldt, Ia., $3.
Thompson, George, Ossian, Ia., $10.
Tinberg, Seigfried Mark, Litchfield, Minn., $9.
Torgeson, Andrew, Almont, N. D., $29.
Torgerson, Mrs. Belle, Ellendale, Minn., $112.
Torgerson, Mrs. John, Ellendale, Minn., $5.
Trondson, Mrs. Mary, Lakefield, Minn, $107.
Twedt, Mrs. I. T., Ellsworth, Ia., $102.50.
Valen, Mrs. Andrew, Story City, Ia., $32.
Wald, Shirley, Gatzke, Minn., $6.
Wendt, Max, Page, N. D., $3.
Wickre, Lowell Ramon, Veblen, S. D., $44.
Wiken, Lauritz, Minneapolis, Minn., $100.
Windingland, Aadne, Luverne, N. D., $5.
Woldt, Carl O., Flandreau, S. D., $10.
Young, Glenn R., Wallingford, Ia., $12.
Zabel, Mrs. Emma, Grand Meadow, Minn, $17.50.
Zniewski, Frederick, Sr., Paynesville, Minn., $3.

From February 15, through February 19, 1954

Ahre, Mrs. George, Hendricks, Minn., $46.
Alsaker, Alvin, Brooten, Minn., $37.
Anderson, John K., Aneta, N. D., $6.
Barsness, Oscar, Evansville, Minn., $30.50.
Beiningen, Elmer, Canby, Minn., $10.
Berge, Mrs. Anton, Chilton, Wis., $5.
Bertelsen, Thomas, Fairmont, N. D., $25.
Bergstrom, Carl, Tioga, N. D., $10.
Borderud, T. P., Kindred, N. D., $24.
Botner, Joseph R., Evansville, Minn., $6.
Brackey, Palmer S., Lake Mills, Ia., $33.
Brettand, Mathias, Bricelyn, Minn., $14.
Cafourek, Jerome, Glenville, Minn., $5.
Dahlberg, Adolph, Clarkfield, Minn., $2.
Dahler, Adolf, Kindred, N. D., $7.
Delsrude, Caroline, Brodhead, Wis., $3.
Donielson, Cheryl, Lanesboro, Minn., $5.
Eklo, Mrs. E. J., Mobridge, S. D., $9.50.
Forman, C. A., Pipestone, Minn., $5.
Gondrud, Edmond, Sunburg, Minn., $85.75.
Gordon, Mrs. A. J., Moorhead, Minn., $5.
Gulsvig, Alfred, Belgrade, Minn., $50.
Haave, Edwin, Newman Grove, Nebr., $2.
Hagen, Bernt, Sheyenne, N. D., $13.
Halverson, John, Palmyra, Wis., $10.
Halvorsen, Mrs. Lillian, Forest City, Ia., $1
Hanson, Mrs. Emma and
Peterson, Thorwald, Fergus Falls, Minn., $1
Heiberg, C., Matsqui, B. C., Canada, $5.
Hermanson, Mrs., Ortley, S. D., $10.
Holcomb, Harry, Newark, Ill., $4.
Hollerud, Johan, Edgly, Sask., Canada, $6.
Homstol, Mr. and Mrs. Nels, Arnegard, N.
Irgens, Walter, Farwell, Minn., $2.
Jacobson, Albert, South Heart, N. D., $62.
Jacobson, Nory, Brooten, Minn., $14.
Johnson, Charlie, Little Falls, Minn., $5.
Johnson, David, Newman Grove, Nebr., $1
Jorgenson, Selmer, Ettrick, Wis., $32.
Kaupang, Mrs. Belinda, Boyd, Minn., $35.
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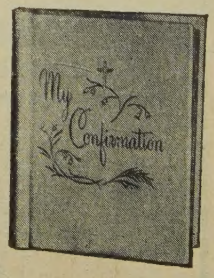

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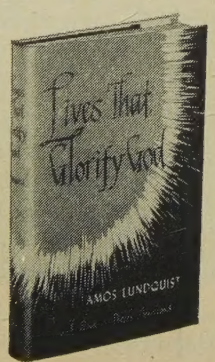

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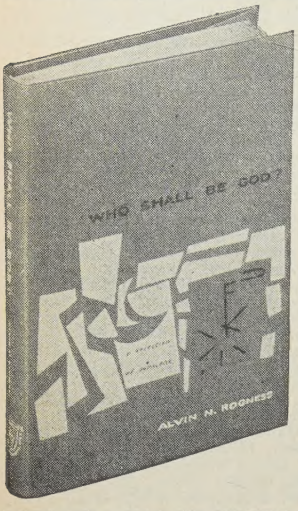

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